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- 1. WE CONCUR WITH APPROACH OUTLINED IN REFTELS A AND C.
- 2. WE AGREE THAT ANY DISCUSSION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

REGARDING SPAIN IS BETTER ACCOMPLISHED IN OTHER FORUMS (PARA 14, REFTEL A). HOWEVER, TO PRESERVE THE PRINCIPLE OF THE RIGHT OF NATO BODIES TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUE, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO SEE THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEMSELVES DELETED.

3. WE SHARE MISSION JUDGMENT THAT LATEST TURKISH POSITION ON EWG WORK (REFTEL B) HAS A NARROWER FOCUS AND IS LESS OBSTRUCTIVE THAN TURKISH DELEGATION'S EARLIER EFFORTS TO PREVENT ANY WORK ON ANY REGION FROM PROCEEDING UNTIL THE GREECE-NATO QUESTION IS RESOLVED. ACCORDINGLY, ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR ON HOW MUMFORDINTENDS TO ACCEDE TO TURKISH REQUEST WITHOUT SO STATING(PARA 5 REF C) WE AGREE THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HIS LEAD AND MISSION IS AUTHRIZED TO DO SO. VANCE

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